

A HONEYMOON SURPRISE

After hesitating a moment at the door of Sherry's the young couple entered. The young woman was so excitedly more than a girl—was radiant, beautiful, and happy. Her companion was a tall, good-looking young man.

Their air of hesitation, the newness of their apparel, and the young man's alertness in attending to her real or fancied wants all had a honeymoon suggestion. The delicately intoxicating perfume of orange blossoms and orchids seemed still to cling to them.

As they took their seats the young woman swept back a vagrant curl that had tumbled across her forehead and smiled over the table. The waiter took their order and went away. The orchestra played one of those quivering melodies from Il Trovatore, and she leaned back and sighed as if from a very sweetest of happiness.

There were other beautiful women in the room to divide the attention of the curious, and when she thought no one was looking she slyly laid the menu card over the hand of her companion and closed her fingers about his in an affectionate little squeeze. Then she saw that a young man seated near by was looking at her intently. Realizing that the cat's paw had not escaped his notice, she purred her lips in a dainty pout and turned her face from him.

The stranger seemed unable to withdraw his gaze. First it was the look of a casual elegance of her costume. Then it changed to one of uncertainty, of surprise, finally to blank amazement. He touched the sleeve of his companion. The latter followed his look until his eyes rested on the girl.

"Is that anyone you know?" inquired the first observer.

"By Jove! It hardly seems possible, but—"

"But it is," declared his friend.

The young woman looked across the table again. "Those horrid men are staring at me," she whispered.

"Her escort scowled and then laughed. "I don't blame them. I'm doing it myself," he said.

When they went out the couple passed directly by the table where the young men were sitting. They, too, had finished their dinner and were preparing to leave. One held a yellow slip of paper, which he passed to the other.

"There," he said. "Medium height, fair, brown eyes, dimples, right cheek, weight 115 pounds, dresses in extreme of fashion." Why, it fits her like a tailor-made.

"Well, we will follow them mind set where they go. If it is really she—why, we will have another dinner at Sherry's."

The young woman and her escort walked over to Broadway, where they were caught in the whirl of the early evening multitude. Sometimes pushed to the very edge of the curb, bobbing back to the building line again, stopping a moment before some dazzling window display, in and out among the eddies of hurrying pleasure seekers, and occasionally left all by themselves, laughing and often breathless, they kept on until they reached Thirty-fourth street. They walked very close together. Once when she took his arm he caught the little gloved hand in his and put them both in his overcoat pocket. When they reached the Waldorf-Astoria, the young man said something about billiards.

"Oh, you can go and play a game. I have some letters to write and that will keep me from being homesick. Only one game, though, remember," she said, raising her finger in mock seriousness.

Half an hour later she stepped from the elevator and tripped toward the letter box. Before she had deposited it letters a young man intercepted her.

"I am sorry, miss," he said, politely, raising his hat. "But the inspector has mistaken you for someone else and wishes to see you. I have no doubt it can be straightened out in a few minutes."

"I do not understand," she replied haughtily.

"He thinks you are—someone else," "Does he, or do you?" she inquired enigmatically, recognizing the young man who had stared at her at Sherry's.

"Doubtless it is a mere coincidence, but the department—"

"Are you a detective?" she asked pointedly.

"Yes, I am," he admitted. "I know it's a terrible annoyance," he continued, "but the department has mixed you up with another woman, and it will save you a great deal of annoyance if you will come to the inspector's office."

"That's the way they arrest people—gentle people—don't they?" she inquired.

"It will save you from being dogged wherever you go."

"Is that why you dined at Sherry's?" The young man blushed. "In one way, yes," he replied. "But we did not follow you there; we were—"

"Following someone else," she suggested.

He nodded.

"I will go with you to see the inspector. I am sure I don't want to be taken for anyone else. By the way, who is this woman and what has she done?"

"I will not mention her name, since she is only under suspicion, but she is believed to be in the business of bringing dutiable jewels."

"In other words, she is a diamond smuggler—and I am supposed to be, she exclaimed the girl, flushing with indignation.

The detective nodded assent.

"Well, it is stupid and ridiculous. I will prove it to be so."

"You will wait until the gentleman returns?" he inquired, politely.

"No, I prefer to go at once. He may not return for some time, and—well, I don't care to wait under the circumstances. Is it far to the inspector's office?"

"Only a few minutes' ride," he replied, consoling.

Half an hour later he delivered his fair prisoner to the inspector. There had been no doubt in the detective's mind that she was the woman who had so long baffled the customs officers and who was connected with having smuggled half a million dollars' worth of diamonds into the port of New York. His eagerness was shared by the inspector. That there would be some bewildering explanation, some effort to confuse her identity, was to be expected, and the inspector was fully prepared for it. To her indignation protestations he was calm, polite and incredulous. The inspector held up a photograph.

"See, madam, it is your picture! It came from Scotland Yard," he said.

It was an exact likeness of the young woman.

"But see," she said, "the picture was taken in London, and I have never been there. We are going, though, my husband and I. Then, as an afterthought, she added: 'Will you please send for him?'"

"We already have done that. Your husband will be here very soon," he replied.

The inspector was accustomed to unpleasant scenes, but was hardly prepared for the outbreak of wrath that followed

the entrance of the young man a few minutes later.

"You will answer to me for these charges," he thundered.

"We are ready to prove them," said the inspector, quietly.

"How dare you to assert—"

"We will prove them by there," resumed the inspector, taking a little bundle of letters which the detective had taken charge of at the hotel.

The young man sprang forward.

"My letters!" she exclaimed. "My letters! Give them back to me at once!"

"I am sorry, madam," said the inspector, "but under the circumstances I am compelled to open them. This person whom we suspect is known to have disposed of the diamonds through the mails."

"But I will not permit my letters to be opened. There are a hundred other ways by which we can prove these charges utterly stupid and wretchedly false."

"But, my dear," protested her husband, "why not allow the inspector to open them?"

"Never! I will never consent to it!" she yelled.

The inspector could scarcely repress a smile of triumph. "There is no other way," he remarked.

"Oh, Ogden! You will not permit him to open them? They are sacred! The girls—"

Her cheeks were flushed and there was a suspicious smile in her eyes.

"What does it matter, Dot? Let him see for himself," he said soothingly, as the inspector slipped the keen edge of his razor knife along the seam of one of the envelopes.

Something fell from the envelope. But it was not a string of diamonds. The inspector blushed. The girl looked helpless. Her husband gasped with astonishment. The others, clustered about the desk, were wildly curious. It was a dainty, silken thing, round, and tied with a scarlet bow. The inspector picked it up and looked at it. It was a small, silver chain, on which was inscribed the word "Marry."

The inspector hid his discomfiture by tearing savagely at another letter. Out fell another round and silken thing, the same, apparently, of the other. Only the monogram was different. Another and another, and the last of the letters had been opened.

"Now," said the inspector, wrathfully, "will you please explain this trick?"

"There isn't any trick about it," said her husband. "We were married in Chicago yesterday and we are on our honeymoon."

Then he handed the inspector his card and a newspaper clipping containing the announcement. "But I don't know anything about those," he added, pointing to the dainty articles lying on the inspector's desk.

Behind her blushing a smile shone. Modestly, tremulously, she explained.

"It is an old custom for a bride to wear the garters of her bridesmaids and her best friend. It is an augury that they will be married within a year. I had no other way of sending them home so I thought of sending them by mail," she said, as the inspector rang for a cab.

New York Press.

AN AUSTRALIAN WAIF.

A strange "human document" has just passed away in an Australian hospital. His name was "Scotty," the "Wickie," and his real one Philip Henry Mitchell Mowbray. He was in early manhood an officer of the Royal Artillery. In Australia he became a professional swagman, "sundowner," or tramp, one of the vagabonds who spend their lives wandering about from one quarter of the station to another, and pick up a precarious livelihood by doing "camp jobs," "sundowning," and "sundowning."

He studied these nomadic population, very closely, and contributed many realistic stories and sketches of their adventures and habits to the Sydney Bulletin. He might have earned a handsome income with his pen if he could have settled down to regular work, but he could not shake off the roving disposition. Many young fellows, for one reason or another, generally drink-louche, in the old country, rise and recover themselves in Australia and develop into successful colonists. Others sink into the army of irreclaimable bush vagabonds—London Chronicle.

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